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MONTREAL FOR ISREP ICAO

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, KU, ICAO  
SUBJECT: U.S. VIEWS REGARDING ICAO SPECIAL AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE,  
MONTREAL, APRIL 13-26.

REF: (A) STATE 68717, (B) KUWAIT 1731.

1. PER REFTELS, EMBOFFS DISCUSSED USG STATEMENT RE UPCOMING ICAO CONFERENCE WITH GOK DIRECTOR-GENERAL, CIVIL AVIATION (DGCA), SHEIKH JABER AL-THBI AL-SABAH, WHO WILL BE KUWAIT REPRESENTATIVE AT MONTREAL. SHEIKH JABER SAID HE APPRECIATED PRESENTATION AND COPY OF STATEMENT, WHICH HE HAD READ. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT GOK HAS NO PARTICULAR GOALS OR SPECIAL INTERESTS INVOLVED IN UPCOMING CONFERENCE. EMBOFFS OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO DGCA SHOULD HE WISH TO CONTACT USG OFFICIALS IN THE STATES, AND SUGGESTED HE CONTACT HEAD OF US DELEGATION ATTENDING CONFERENCE. DGCA MENTIONED HE MIGHT VISIT US AFTER CONFERENCE, BUT WAS NOT CERTAIN OF THIS.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH US STATEMENTS,  
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KUWAIT AIRWAYS CORPORATION (KAC), THE GOK-OWNED NATIONAL AIR CARRIER, HAS IN THE PAST BEEN SLOW TO IMPLEMENT FULL IATA FARES. KAC IS IN GENERAL OPPOSED TO FARE INCREASES, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF CHARGES FROM IATA CHAIRMAN HAMMERKOLD THAT FARE INCREASES HAVE BEEN NECESSITATED BY OPEC OIL PRICE HIKES. DESPITE PUBLIC COMMITMENTS FOR KAC CHAIRMAN THAT IATA FARE INCREASES WILL BE

IMPLEMENTED, FARES ARE SLIGHTLY LOWER ON SOME ROUTES,  
PARTICULARLY THOSE IN GULF.

3. KUWAIT'S APPARENT LACK OF STRONG VIEWS ON CIVIL  
AVIATION MATTERS COULD OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR USDEL TO  
LOBBY EFFECTIVELY FOR GOK SUPPORT AT CONFERENCE. HOWEVER  
SHEIKH JABER WAS EDUCATED IN UK; HIS LONG-  
STIME SENIOR ADVISOR IS BRITISH, AND WE WOULD NOT BE  
SURPRISED IF HE TENDED TO SIDE WITH UK POSITION  
IF DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF USG.  
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